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1. Production of the Kolibri radio receiver in East Germany was originally ordered by the Central Committee of the SED. The original plan called for the production of 500,000 units, of which ~~150,000~~ were to be completed during 1955. This receiver was to confine radio reception to two frequencies to be set with two keys, or slides. In order to fulfill its purpose, the Kolibri was to be a cheap mass-produced article. The first model was officially tested in late 1953 and proved unsatisfactory. Many attempts to improve the device have been made since.¹
2. By late summer 1954, a total of 150,000 Kolibri receivers had been produced by VEB Stern-Radio, Berlin. In June 1955, a review of the Kolibri situation at the Main Administration for Radio and Telecommunications Technology (HV RFT), of the Ministry for General Machine Construction, revealed that most of the receivers had remained unsold. The following is a breakdown as established by the Main Administration:

Total of Kolibri receivers produced:	150,000
Unsellable stocks at VEB Stern-Radio, Berlin:	20,000
Unsellable stocks in State Trade Organizations (HO stores):	35,000
Unsellable stocks in private firms (estimated):	35,000

Sold or disposed of by June 1955:	60,000
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3. The foregoing table lists about 60,000 receivers as disposed of. It must, however, be understood that a considerable number of them were not sold, but were given as premiums to activists, eager workers, etc.

4. The review made by the Main Administration furthermore established the fact that the costs for the production of one Kolibri receiver amounted to 63.00 DME without trading margin (Handelsspanne) and that its sales price was 50.00 DME with trading margin. It was furthermore established that VEB Stern-Radio, Berlin, was authorized and received funds for the purchase of six sets of special tools for the production of the Kolibri in the amount of 180,000 DME. Only three sets were actually used for Kolibri production.

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5. The situation described above already had come to the attention of the East German Government in early 1955 but the details of the failure became known only through the June 1955 review by the Main Administration. In February 1955, the head of the Technical Production Department of the HV RPT, [redacted] was made the scapegoat and relieved of his functions although everybody concerned knew that the Central Committee had initiated the Kolibri plan. In June 1955, HV RPT, upon orders of the Central Committee, declared Kolibri production terminated and officially abandoned the entire plan. The Main Administration furthermore ordered the 20,000 receivers on stock at VEB Stern-Radio, Berlin, to be scrapped and their parts salvaged.

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